

# ❖The Lamoine Quarterly❖

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## Tax Rate Falls Sharply As Values Rise

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's value nearly doubled as the town completed a factored revaluation in August. The new values brought many tax bills down, though shore front owners saw sharp increases in their valuations, and higher tax bills as a result. The revaluation work was done by RJD Appraisal of Pittsfield, the same company that performed Lamoine's last full scale revaluation in 1993. This process differed from a full revaluation in that the appraisers did not measure every home in town, but instead relied on data collected over the years and kept up to date on property tax cards at the town office.

The taxable value of Lamoine (before homestead exemptions) is \$233.6 million dollars. That translated into a property tax rate of 7.3 mills, or \$7.30 per \$1,000 of valuation. The mill rate is the lowest in Lamoine in over 35-

years, and probably longer. Several property owners made appointments with the appraisers in late August to discuss their values. Only minor changes resulted, and the projected mill rate in the notice of new valuations turned out to be correct.



### *Proving Up*

*(Left to Right) Assessors Colene Sharkey, Jane Fowler and Assistant Tax Collector Kathy DeFusco check the math on the updated property cards prior to sending out valuation notices.*



## New Gym May Rise From Tragedy

(Lamoine) — Donations have poured in to the effort to build a new gymnasium in Lamoine in memory of Jina Haslam. The 14-year old was killed in a car/pedestrian accident on June 20th (see July 2005 *Lamoine Quarterly*). At Jina's funeral, her grandmother, Enid Neleski announced that the family was dedicated to the effort of raising enough money to build a new gym in Lamoine.

Since that announcement Jina's large extended family in town has worked tirelessly, and it's paying off. As of early October over \$72,000 had been donated to the effort, and more events are planned in the coming weeks, including a golf tournament on October 15th

# Douglas Highway Resurfaced—Finally!

(Lamoine) - A flurry of e-mail flew back and forth between town officials, state legislators and the Maine Department of Transportation in late August before the final layer of pavement went down on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine. MDOT workers contacted town officials and said the plan to put down a heavy shim prior to the final surface had been pretty much scuttled because of budget considerations. The shim would have provided a much stronger road structure and the new surface would last much longer with it in place.

Higher ups at MDOT explained that the plan to rent a “pug mill” to use the grindings from High Street in Ellsworth was scrapped due to cost. Only a small amount of shim to smooth out some wheel ruts was placed prior to the resurfacing. Senator

Dennis Damon and Ellsworth Representative Bob Crosthwaite questioned the MDOT Commissioner about the plan. Commissioner David Cole responded to say he was aware that the new paving was a temporary fix at best.

Lamoine’s Selectmen wrote back to Commissioner Cole expressing disappointment that the shim plan did not happen and asked for advice on how to place the road on the list for proper rebuilding in the near future. To date the Commissioner has not responded. Motorists, meanwhile, have enjoyed a much smoother drive to Ellsworth.

## Bangor Hydro To Explain Line Plans

(Lamoine) — It appears a major transmission line designed to provide power to Mount Desert Island will cut through part of North Lamoine. Bangor Hydro Electric will meet with the Conservation Commission and members of the public on October 12th at 7:00 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. The meeting will be telecast on Lamoine CTV channel 7 live and replayed through the next day.

The plan started coming to light when the town received a letter from the utility requesting a private meeting. That meeting never took place, though Selectmen Richard Fennelly Jr. met with one official from Bangor Hydro. Apparently the utility had been reluctant to make the public announcement pending acquisition of land. Meanwhile, one Buttermilk Road resident asked the utility to stop when they allegedly cut down some of her trees without permission. Surveyors will map that out.

and a spaghetti dinner on the 22nd. Merchandise has begun to sell, including T-Shirt and wrist-bands/bracelets. Information about the effort is available at a web-site dedicated to the effort ([www.jinasgym.org](http://www.jinasgym.org)). The fund is currently administered by the Lamoine School Department, and donations can be sent directly to the fund c/o Bonnie Marckoon, The First, PO Box 1664, Blue Hill, ME 04614.

During the weeks following Jina’s death fundraisers included a huge bottle drive, a community dance, and a massive yard sale. Pictures from the events are posted on the website. More information is available from Jina’s grandmother, Enid Neleski, at 667-8824.



### ***Merrily We Roll Along***

*The crew from Lane Construction paved Douglas Highway (Route 184) from the Town Hall to Route 1 in Early September.*



### ***The Topless Church?***

*Lamoine Baptist Church welcomed its new steeple in September. Story on Page 7*

## Selectmen Encourage Road Shoulders

(Lamoine) - With the exception of Jordan River Road and the stretch of Route 184 rebuilt a couple years ago, the road shoulders on Lamoine's State Highways are pretty much non-existent. Whether that was a contributing factor in the accident that killed Jina Haslam in June is open to speculation. Young Erin Beauvais of Shore Road wrote to the Maine Department of Transportation to ask about having sidewalks on the state highways in the wake of her friend's death. Commissioner David Cole replied that such an effort must begin with the town Selectmen.

Lamoine's Selectmen wrote to Commissioner Cole in September expressing support for wider paved shoulders to match those further up the road, and have asked how to start the ball rolling in that direction.



### ***A shoulder might help***

*Investigators from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department at the scene of the June 20th accident.*

## Appeals Board Unable To Help In Property Line Dispute—Court Next?

(Lamoine) — When Teresa Rohner came home from work on August 12th she found big earth moving machines had built a subdivision road only a few yards from the back door of her residence, pulling down bushes, a big pine tree and digging up her pet cemetery. Needless to say, she was quite perplexed and quickly called the Lamoine Town Hall to find out what was going on.

The road is part of the Pine Grove subdivision being developed by Rohner's neighbor, Ronald Simons. The subdivision was approved in November 2003 by the Lamoine Planning Board following a public hearing. It turns out Ms. Rohner did not receive the certified mail informing all the abutting property owners of the subdivision plan and hearing. Whether her attendance at the hearing would have prevented approval of the subdivision plan is not known. Neither, as of late September, is the exact location of the property line between Ms. Rohner and Mr. Simons. Two long evening meetings by the Board of Appeals produced no resolution to the problem, as the Appeals Board determined it did not have the authority to grant Ms. Rohner's request to shut down construction.

The case has two major focuses—the fact the subdivision road is too close to Ms. Rohner's trailer and the lack of notice in regard to the subdivision plan. Attorneys from Maine Municipal Association answered the latter saying the courts frown on appeals filed well after the filing period has expired. Ms.

Rohner asked the Appeals Board to immediately order Mr. Simons to stop work.

Mr. Simons testified that he has voluntarily stopped work on the road near the mobile home until his survey company can confirm where the property lines are located. The original subdivision plan showed Ms. Rohner's home well back from the road and the property line, as did a building permit submitted by Ms. Rohner a few years ago. The Appeals Board advised Ms. Rohner they are unable to resolve boundary disputes which are within the jurisdiction of the court system.

The Planning Board recently approved an extension for Mr. Simons to complete construction of the subdivision, giving another year. The Building and Land Use Ordinance was amended in April granting the Planning Board authority to grant such extensions without public hearing. Any change to the plan, though, must go through the hearing process.



### ***Much Too Close***

*The subdivision road passes very near a home.*

# Aquifer Study Results Released

(Lamoine) — Gravel mining does not appear to have a major effect on the amount of groundwater stored in Lamoine's aquifer. That was one of the conclusions in the release of preliminary findings from a study of Lamoine's aquifer that it shares with Ellsworth and Hancock. Funded by grants obtained by the Lamoine Conservation Commission, the study conducted a survey of wells in the three towns. John Peckenham of the University of Maine's Senator George J. Mitchell Center presented the initial findings to a good sized crowd at the Lamoine School in July. The presentation was later broadcast on Lamoine CTV Channel 7.

Peckenham said one of the major questions at the start of the project was to find where the point of balance is regarding the amount of sand and gravel removed from the top of the aquifer. Pointing to several charts and graphs, Peckenham said the aquifer is not the same as an underground river, but more of a water storage system where water slowly migrates from one point to another. He said there is some evidence of some salt in the wells sampled, but it's not clear whether it's from salt placed on the roads in the winter or from some other source. He said there is not very much evidence of altered hydrology in the gravel pit areas other than a change in how the water runs off once the surface material is removed. He said

there might be some loss of aquifer volume, but all the pits are mining above the water table, so the part of the aquifer with water hasn't changed in quantity. He said the surface filtering might have changed, affecting water quality and the ability of the land to regenerate in the pit areas. He said perhaps more money is needed to get more data. He had praise for the pit operators saying they do a great job of running the pits and were very cooperative with the study.

The report will be put into a final form for submission to the Lamoine Conservation Commission. He said the salt and nitrate found in water samples has raised his curiosity to see if there is a reason for concern. All three towns will eventually have a copy of the report, but Peckenham was not sure when the final report will be ready.



***Water Water Everywhere....***  
*John Peckenham of the Senator George J. Mitchell Center presents the preliminary results of the study of the aquifer underneath Lamoine, Hancock and Ellsworth to a good sized crowd at the School.*

# Code Enforcement Has Busy Summer

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford responded to a number of inquiries during the summer months. He issued a stop work order to a project on Moose Run that started before obtaining a building permit. The property owner obtained the proper permits the day after receiving notice there was a problem. CEO Ford also accompanied the Department of Human Services on a septic system siting follow-up in a wet area of Bar Harbor Highlands. The property developer has decided not to seek permits for the system and the land is for sale. An inquiry follow-up to the permits issued at the Seal Point Lobster Pound was referred to the Board of Appeals which will hear the case on October 17th.

The following permits were issued since the last *Lamoine Quarterly*

No.	Name	Project
28	Peter Swanberg	Residence
29	Nicholas Wilmerding	Garage
30	Alan Moldawer	Foundation
31	June Pohlman	Addition
32	Gary Googins	Storage Shed
33	Elizabeth Belch	Sign
34	Albert Brum	Deck
35	Wayne Wright	Residence
36	Daniel Burleigh	Bunk House
37	Robert Blood	Boat House
38	Stephen Belden	Garage/Apt.
39	Michael Smith	Garage
40	Michelle Kosko	Garage
41	Ruth Saliba	Deck Enclosed

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# School Renovations, Gym Still A Ways Off

By Bonnie Marckoon, Building Cmte. Chair (Lamoine) Lamoine's Building Committee is still active, though it seems like a lot of "hurry up and wait". The committee is presently exploring the options for construction of a new gymnasium, spurred on by the fund-raising efforts of the Jina's Gym drive. There are a lot of hurdles to clear before any construction can start. The committee will have to:

- Apply to the State Department of Education for renovation funds to see what will be allowed to renovate the existing building. This does not include the gym, but does include many basic needs including plumbing, electrical and structural deficiencies identified in a building study done in 2003. The application has not yet been submitted, the school department is in the process of hiring a firm to submit a finalized

application. It's not clear when the application will be submitted.

- Once the results of the renovation funds are known, planning can begin on renovations to the existing structure. A new gym plan will go hand in hand with the renovations, but the gym process will not be included with any state funding.
- The planning process for a new gym has yet to be mapped out. At the very least the planning will include
  1. Identifying the appropriate location for a gym.
  2. Identifying the purposes for which the gym would be used.
  3. Hiring a professional to design the gym.
  4. Obtaining input from the community in regard to utilization and design.
  5. Working with the Selectmen to schedule one or more town meetings to give final approval to location and funding.

If all goes well, the process will likely take a couple of years. The building committee meets next on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the school.

## No Charges Yet In Ballot Case

(Ellsworth) — Hancock County Sheriff Bill Clark has turned in what he could find out in a

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## Cable Company Sold, Town Awaits Meeting

(Lamoine) — As cable TV company Adelphia emerges from bankruptcy with a pending sale to Time-Warner, the town anxiously awaits a meeting with officials from the new company. At issue will be the areas of town not presently served by cable TV. Numerous residents have expressed a strong desire to have access to high speed Internet services presently offered to cable TV subscribers. That message has been conveyed to Adelphia/Time Warner officials. Things are still tied up until the sale is final, but at a meeting in Augusta, Time Warner officials said they are very interested in expansion in the communities they'll be serving. Areas of town expressing interest in CTV service include the Bar Harbor Highlands subdivision, Walker Road and Seal Point Road.

## Planning Board Tackles More Subdivisions

(Lamoine) - The frantic pace of subdivision application and consideration has slowed considerably for the Lamoine Planning Board. Only one new subdivision was on the agenda through the summer months, and that was relatively minor. Steve and Patricia Leonard-Johnson have asked the board to approve splitting their one lot into four parcels, accommodating the two rental cabins they've built on Otter Lane and a home they hope to

### *Permits Issued (continued from page 2)*

No.	Name	Project
42	Brian Corrigan	Steps to Shore
43	John Larson	Shed Addition
44	Gaylord Sundt	Shed Addition
45	Elizabeth Belch	Residence
46	Joel Ploszaj	Gravel Road
47	Travis Jones	Residence
48	John Goodwin	Commercial
49	Walter Grenier	Deck
50	Cynthia Martin	Residence
51	Stewart Workman	Garage
52	William Carter	Residence
53	Richard Fennelly Jr.	Mobile Home



# Office Staff Agrees to Adopt A Board (or 2)

(Lamoine) — The numerous volunteer boards that help town government function will get better help from town office staff, as some clerical duties have been divided out. Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon had been dealing with all 8-boards, devising agendas, filing minutes, mailing notices and keeping up the town's website. He asked the Selectmen for help as it had become too much for one person to keep straight.

Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs and Assistant Clerk Kathy DeFusco have agreed to work some additional hours, and take on the activities for four of the boards. Jennifer will handle the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Kathy offered to help with the Parks Committee and the Long Range Planning Commission. Stu will continue to work with the Budget Committee, Board of Appeals, Cable TV Committee and Board of Assessors in addition to his real job as the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant.

## Katies on Cable

(Lamoine) - Welcome and thank-you go to Katie Bowman and Katie Murphy who've handled the technical aspects of the Lamoine CTV Channel in September. Both young ladies are freshmen at MDI High School and are great friends. As they learn the CTV system, the quality of the broadcasts has improved markedly. Katie B's mom Patty Heath is a member of the CTV Committee.

case that involved alleged improperly photocopied ballots during a special town meeting in June. District Attorney Michael Povich said he's made further inquiries to the Secretary of State's Office regarding statute violations.

The case stemmed from copies of the official town meeting referendum ballot that was anonymously mailed to hundreds of town residents prior to a June voting date. Several ballots turned up at the town hall filled out, but could not be accepted as they were not accounted for through the absentee voting process.



### ***One Big Beetle***

*Rose McIntire of Lamoine Beach Road called the office in August to let us know that her daughter had found a huge bug in their fountain. We're not sure of the exact name, but it was intriguing enough to travel to the scene for a picture.*

build on the same parcel. The public hearing for that proposal was scheduled for October 4th.

A previously approved subdivision off Douglas Highway in North Lamoine was sold in its entirety by developer Keven Ireland to Roger Bachelder of Ellsworth. Mr. Bachelder asked for a change in the various deed restrictions (covenants) that Mr. Ireland had originally placed on the subdivision. The Planning Board consulted with the legal department of Maine Municipal Association. After finding that none of the covenant changes were contrary to the Lamoine Building and Land Use Ordinance, the Planning Board approved the changes and signed the new form.

## Shoreland Zoning Under Review

(Lamoine) — It's been nearly 13-years since the Town Meeting adopted the present Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Back in 1993 the Planning Board took a model ordinance from the State and molded it to fit the town. It has not been revised since then, though problems crop up from time to time.

The State of Maine is presently in the process of revising the model ordinance. Lamoine's Planning Board is doing the same with the local ordinance, having held several workshops on the potential changes with an eye on meeting the state minimum.

The proposed changes will likely be presented to the Town Meeting next March for consideration. The Planning Board welcomes any input for changes from townspeople. They should be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the town office.

## Work Begins on 2007 Budget

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Budget Committee will begin reviewing budgets for 2006/2007 this month. The budgeting process is expected to be a difficult time this year due to the constraints of the property tax caps imposed by the Maine Legislature in a bill dubbed LD-1. That bill prevented the town from using any property tax for non-education, non-county portions of the budgets initially approved in March 2005. Voters rejected an article to increase the base amount of property tax for the municipal budget at a special town meeting in April, so a series of budget cuts was approved by special referendum in June.

With the constraints that funds to run the municipal side of the budget must come from sources other than property taxes the

instruction from the Budget Committee has been to develop the budget necessary to run the town, and the committee will explore whether any appropriation from property taxes will be needed. The biggest strains on the municipal budget are expected to be energy related as the price of oil continues to skyrocket. Heating and electricity bills along with staff mileage are expected to post large increases from the current FY2006 budget. With the inflationary factors nearing 5-percent, the few salaries paid to regular employees are projected to rise to keep pace with the cost of living.

The Budget Committee will hear its first budget proposals on October 24th, with two meetings planned in November & December, and the school budget will be heard in January.

## Election Day is November 8th

(Lamoine) — The traditional 1st Tuesday in November for Election Day will actually be the 2nd Tuesday this year. That's because the law reads the first Tuesday following the first Monday. There will be two ballots to cast this year—one was a surprise to nearly every municipal clerk in Hancock County.

The bigger ballot contains 7-questions that all Mainers will vote on. Question 1 asks whether Mainers wish to overturn the new law that adds sexual orientation to the classes of people protected from discrimination.

Questions 2-through-6 are bond issues, including \$33.1 million for transportation, \$8.9

## Town Hall Floor May Be Carpeted

(Lamoine) — The meeting room floor in the Lamoine Town Hall is quickly flaking apart. Over 100-years of use on the softwood floor has finally taken its toll. With meetings at least 5-nights a month and sometimes nearly every evening, and daily traffic of surveyors, real estate agents and the like, the wood has crumbled.

When the floor was re-stained several years ago, painting contractor Tom McIntyre warned it would not survive another sanding. Selectmen have asked to look into putting carpeting on top of the wood. That item will be included in the FY 2007 budget.

## Your Opinions Sought In November

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Long Range Planning Committee has developed a questionnaire that will be made available to all voters and property owners in November. The questions deal with a variety of town issues and seek to find out what folks think about the town's future. The final product is still being developed. The initial drafts contained 39 questions on 5-pages. The questions include items about roads, solid waste, land uses, the school, property taxes and general government structure.

The committee plans to have the questionnaire ready to hand out to voters after they cast ballots on Election Day (November 8th). An on-line version will also be available for those with Internet Access. A flyer with this year's tax bills promoted the questionnaire ahead of time, and several people have indicated they wish to be polled. The results will be compiled during the winter months, and should help many departments and committees with the future direction of Lamoine.

## Committee Shrinks

(Lamoine) - The formerly huge Long Range Planning Committee has been trimmed down. Once numbering 23, Selectmen eliminated 10-members who had not attended the previous five meetings. The Selectmen thanked each for their service and asked those removed if they still wished to serve to contact the Board. So far no one removed asked to be reinstated.

million for water protection, \$20-million for job creation, \$12-million for purchasing public land, and \$9-million to make improvements at the University of Maine system. The final question asks Mainers to amend the Constitution to allow assessments for waterfront land to be made based on current use in a manner similar to tree growth, open space, and farm land.

The other ballot was the surprise. Hancock County Commissioners are asking voters whether they wish to change the Treasurer's position from one that is elected to an appointed position. Town Clerks received absentee ballots from the Secretary of State with no forewarning from the County the last week of September. A later mailing from County Clerk Ray Bickford said the referendum questions was posed by the County Commissioners and supported by Treasurer Sally Crowley.

Polls in Lamoine will be open from 10am until 8pm at the Town Hall. Absentee ballots are already available for those who are not able to make it to the Town Hall on Election Day. Ballots may be requested in person or by telephone. No local election will be held in November.

**Vote Tuesday November 8th**



***One Ramp To Go, Please***  
Workers from Harold MacQuinn, Inc. carefully lift the wheelchair ramp away from the building in an effort to fix the pitch of the ramp. The Secretary of State's Office said the ramp was too steep to meet voter accessibility guidelines. The fix is part of a larger project to make the town hall more accessible. A revamped handrail comes next.

## Trash Weights Continue To Drop

(Lamoine) - After years of increasing trash amount sent to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company in Orrington, Lamoine's trash amount has taken a nose-dive. Through the end of September, the amount of trash was down 25% from the same time in 2004.

The sharp decrease followed the revelation late in 2004 that commercial waste had been mixed in with the transfer station trash for an unspecified amount of time. Pine Tree Waste and the Selectmen reached a settlement on that, and going forward the regular trash has apparently been well segregated. Recycling may also be helping reduce the household trash load.

The reduction in trash will likely translate in to about a \$7,200 annual savings in disposal fees.

## Selectmen Adjust Mileage Rate

(Lamoine) — Selectmen agreed in principle on a new mileage reimbursement policy for town employees who use their personal vehicles for town business. Retroactive to July 1st, employees will receive 37-cents per mile, up from 32-cents/mile.

The figure is a hybrid of the allowed rate by the Internal Revenue Service (.40/mile as of 7/1/05) and the State of Maine (.34/mile under a collective bargaining agreement). The IRS raised its rate effective September 1st to .48/mile until 1/1/06 in the wake of steep gasoline prices.

Under the policy expected to be approved October 6th the mileage rate will be set annually by the Selectmen at their first meeting of the fiscal year using the same formula.



## New Hi Tech Stuff @ Town Hall

(Lamoine) - Two new computers and a letter folder now grace the town hall. One of the computers replaces a unit that died in the Town Clerk's office due to a hard drive failure. The other computer was provided by the Secretary of State's office as part of the centralized voter registration system. Ironically the town received notification of the free computer's impending arrival shortly after ordering the replacement computer for the Clerk's office.

The voting computer will sit in the meeting room area for access during Election



*The letter folder (above) greatly cut down the amount of time needed to fold tax bills.*

Day. That unit came with a scanner, a bar code reader and label printer and will be hooked into the town's internal network. The monitor and printer have been installed in the Clerk's office. All towns in Maine received a new computer from the Secretary of State's

Office as it moves to centralized voter registration.

The letter folding machine got its first run with the tax bills in September, greatly speeding up the process. A few bills came out wrinkled as staff worked out the bugs. It's estimated the machine cut the processing time by two thirds. It will come in handy with other mass mailings and has been offered to the school department and fire station for their large mailing projects.



*Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs finds the new Clerk's computer much more efficient than the unit that broke*

## New Mailbox May Grace Town Hall

(Lamoine) — Ellsworth Postmaster Bob Brydon has agreed to locate a secure, drive-up type mailbox in Lamoine soon. Selectmen asked that the post office consider the collection point after several constituents asked. They had expressed concern about mail

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## Voters Approve Ambulance Funding

(Lamoine) - Voters at a special town meeting in July swiftly approved restoration of funds for the contract with County Ambulance. The town meeting might go down as the shortest in town history, lasting less than 10-minutes, which included the election and swearing-in of the moderator.

There were two favorable comments for the measure, a motion to end debate, and an overwhelming vote in favor. The contract costs the town about \$9,000 this fiscal year. Funding was cut during the June referendum so the town could meet the constraints of LD-1. The funds for the new contract will come from town surplus.

## Road Commissioner Named

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's new Road Commissioner is a familiar face. Code Enforcement Dennis Ford was appointed by the Selectmen following an advertisement for the job in early July. Former Road Commissioner Stu Marckoon asked to be relieved of the position because he was not able to devote enough time to the job in addition to his other positions with the town. No one other than Ford expressed interest in the Road Commissioner's job which pays \$500 a year. Most of the work is clerical but involves some minor maintenance.

## Town Revises Snow Plowing Contract

(Lamoine) — Selectmen approved changes to the snow plowing contract with Nankervis Trucking, covering the next two winters. Nankervis officials told Selectmen they, like many other contractors, have trouble obtaining a performance bond. Last year Selectmen agreed to delay payments until after the work was completed. The new contract puts that delay in writing and removes language in the breach of contract section referring to the performance bond. No difference in road plowing is expected this coming winter.

## Eroded Roads Get Federal Help

(Lamoine) — Help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Lamoine pales in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The town will receive \$7,672.86 for work done to bring three roads back to shape after heavy rains last spring caused severe shoulder erosion.

Richard King, Inc. completed work on Seal Point Road, Asa's Lane and Needles Eye Road to repair the damage. The bill was very near what FEMA had estimated the damage would be.

Hancock County was declared a disaster area after the heavy rains in April. A federal inspector looked at the damage and left his report before departing for New Orleans.

theft from rural mailboxes.

In his reply to the town's request, Postmaster Brydon said he would prefer to use the town hall parking area as opposed to the Lamoine General Store because of traffic movement patterns. Town officials will work out a location in coming weeks.

## New Road Names Assigned

(Lamoine) — Four new road names received approval from Lamoine's Selectmen during the summer. Road Commissioner Dennis Ford will erect the signs in the next couple weeks.

**Glen Mary Road** will serve two homes on Shore Road along with a potential third house. The landowners had grown up on Glen Mary Road in Bar Harbor, thus the new name.

**Tilden Way** is the name of the new road serving the subdivision being constructed on Shore Road by Duane Crawford & Julie Tilden.

**Alanna Lane** becomes the first name (alphabetically) on Lamoine's Road Name list. It will serve the new subdivision on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine now owned by Roger Bachelder. He suggested the name as that is his young daughter's name.

**Misty Lane** is the final new road name. It serves the Marlboro Mist II subdivision off Partridge Cove Road. Owner Steve Joy suggested the name to the Selectmen. The new road names bring Lamoine to 111 names roads.



***You can't get there from here!***  
*Mud Creek Road was closed for three days in September while MDOT contractors replaced a large cement culvert near Eagle Point Rd.*

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## House Numbers Available



(Lamoine) - Perhaps the most frustrating thing for ambulance, police and fire personnel responding to an emergency call is being unable to find the right house. Many homes in Lamoine do not have their physical address number prominently displayed. Downeast TRIAD has made metal, reflective number signs available inexpensively. House number signs cost as little as \$4.00 and are constructed by inmates at the Penobscot County Jail.

Order forms are available at the Town Office or on the town's website ([www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov)) by clicking on the House Numbering Offer line.

## Veterans' Memorial Eyes Grange Lot

(Lamoine) - Selectmen await a response from the Lamoine Grange about the possibility of locating a Veterans' Memorial on Grange property at Lamoine Corner. Linwood Brann of the Grange said they're not opposed to the idea, but want to make sure there is enough parking for Grange functions. The memorial idea is in its infancy, a result of some

## Labor Department Likely To Waive Fine

(Ellsworth) - An inspector from the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards says he will recommend that the town pay no fine as it has corrected all the violations found at the fire station during a surprise inspection last May.

Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith and Assistant Chief Stu Marckoon met with the investigator September 30th and presented the documentation that was not immediately available when the surprise inspection took place. The town was cited for lack of training records, firefighter medical records and fit testing records. All the records were provided on the follow up investigation. The BLS official said the fire department presentation made his job easy.

## Fire Department Walls To Be Scrubbed

(Lamoine) — After having no luck getting a paint contractor to apply a new coat of paint to the interior of the Lamoine Fire Station, Selectmen awarded a cleanup job to Bear Meadow Enterprises of Ellsworth. Owner Mary Harney, a fire department member, will scrub down the walls and ceilings, removing years of soot and dust buildup. A test run on one wall by fire department personnel found cleaning would be a big improvement. It's a big job. Harney will start in early October and should be done by February. Her bid was for \$3,600, well under the painting budget.

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## Woodshed Sold

(Lamoine) — Richard McMullen of Shore Road was the successful (and only) bidder for a small woodshed (below) left on the former Nate and Marti Anderson property. Richard mows the property for the town, as well as the town hall and Lamoine Beach properties. His offer was to provide free mowing for this season at the former Anderson lot in exchange for the shed. Selectmen eagerly agreed.



## Two Join Fire Dept.

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Fire Department welcomes new member **Jonathan Harris** and **Robert Gettman**. Jon's a longtime Shore Road resident, and brother-in-law to firefighter Mike Jordan. Bob is a new arrival to Lamoine, having purchased a home on Partridge Cove Road. Both are going through Firefighter I training, with Jon hoping to become an interior rated firefighter soon. The new members brings the active membership to about 30 people.

discussion on the Long Range Planning Committee. Reggie McDevitt of Shore Road asked the Selectmen to inquire about the Grange Lot. If all goes well, fundraising and planning may start in the coming months.

## Fire Department On Pace For Record Year

(Lamoine) - With a quarter of a year left, Lamoine's fire department is on pace to exceed 60-calls for the first time ever. The summer proved to be busier than usual with a variety of calls. The most serious was a house fire on Foster Street in Ellsworth at which a Lamoine crew of five provided interior firefighting support. The department also responded to a Trenton house fire in August.

The fire department responded to a couple water calls. One involved a sailor from Pennsylvania whose mast snapped as a squall was approaching. He was able to get to safety. The other was an assist to the State Police who were called to a vehicle found in the water off Lamoine Beach. Rescue personnel determined no one was in the SUV, and the owner later showed up and explained he got caught by the tide.

Several accidents required fire department response. Two of the accidents involved motorcyclists, one who suffered head injuries in early October. The other motorcycle crash involved a driver who fled the scene. Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

A burning mattress on Mill Road was quickly extinguished in August at the same time as the vehicle in the water report. A

## Fire Department Chowder Supper October 29th

(Lamoine) — The annual Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department Clam Chowder Dinner will be held Saturday evening October 29th from 5PM until 7PM. The dinner will include clam chowder, casseroles, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Tickets will be available at the door or from the Stu Marckoon at the Town Office ahead of time. Additionally, firefighters will go door to door on October 23rd selling tickets.

The dinner has become an annual tradition in Lamoine, with fire department personnel and supporters doing the cooking and serving. Chef Albert Herrick will make the chowder again this year.

Mildred Jordan is the brains behind the event, organizing the donations of food and supplies for the dinner. Proceeds go to the fire department which uses money for equipment purchases.

## Fire Department Sells T-Shirts, Auction Succeeds

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department has printed up T-Shirts for sale as part of a fund raising effort. The shirts are black with white lettering, indicating support for the LVFD. The shirts will be available at the Chowder Dinner on October 29th and from Lieutenant Brett Jones. Cost is \$13 and \$15 for XXL & up.

The annual auction was held in August and raised nearly \$5,500 this year. Auctioneer Chas Hare missed his first auction in 10-years as his mother-in-law suddenly passed away. Mike Hodgkins, a professional auctioneer from Trenton ably filled in. The best news of all was that virtually everything donated was sold, greatly speeding up the cleanup. Among the items sold was an antique pump organ donated by the Moldawer family on Marlboro Beach Road.



*Lamoine VFD helped Ellsworth at this house fire on Foster Street in Ellsworth. The exact cause was not known. The home has since been torn down. No injuries were reported.*

windstorm in late September created three calls as tress went down. One of the trees tore down power lines on Route 184, leaving much of Lamoine without power for a couple of hours.

A thunderstorm in July set off the fire alarm at the Town Hall. Firefighters responded quickly but found no problems.

## Flu Shots Offered November 9th

(Lamoine) — Maine Coast Memorial Hospital will offer flu shots on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 from 3PM to 5PM at the Lamoine Town Hall. It's believed the shots will cost \$5.00.

Last year the flu shot clinic was canceled due to a shortage of vaccine. Health Link officials say they expect plenty of vaccine to go around this year. More details will be available on the town website ([www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov)).

## Town Official Receives Award & Certification

(Lamoine) — Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon is now a certified municipal manager through the Maine Town & City Management Association (MTCMA). Certification indicates that Marckoon has attended numerous training courses and participated in a number of municipal related activities within the community. He received the certification at the annual MTCMA banquet in August in Phippsburg.

Marckoon was also given the prestigious leadership award by MTCMA for his work on that organization's website. Assistant Town Clerk Kathy DeFusco, Stu's wife Bonnie and his parents were secretly invited to the ceremony at Sebasco Estates,

## Harbormaster, Deputy Appointed

(Lamoine) — The sudden death of Bill Pinkham on July 4th left a hole in town government. Pinkham was the town's harbor master. His deputy, Gerald Ford, agreed to step into Bill's shoes. Ford is a certified Harbor Master, having served as deputy for several years and attending the annual training conference in Castine.

Assisting Gerry at the harbor in front of Lamoine State Park will be David Herrick of Douglas Highway. Herrick is a lobster fisherman and volunteer firefighter and offered to be the Deputy Harbor Master.

Harbor Master Ford has attempted to reconstruct the mooring waiting list from the records left behind by Pinkham. The new list is posted on the town's website.



*Ever wonder what's inside the steeple?  
In Lamoine, it's empty space, and signatures.  
Folks signed the new Baptist Church steeple prior  
to its installation*

## Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — The July 2005 *Lamoine Quarterly* was so jam packed with news that we didn't have room for the Vital Statistics Column, so this will cover the last six months.

### *Births*

Lots of new residents to welcome. On April 7th **Jenna Leigh Daggett** of Douglas Highway was born in Bangor. Her mom had a scare a few days before Jenna's arrival. Firefighters helped free her when her leg got caught between steps and the doorway of her home.

**Olive Wiley Taylor** also of Douglas Highway was born on April 15th. **Samuel Christopher Ingram** of South Road arrived May 6th. The sign at the Sherwin Williams store in Ellsworth where his dad works has proclaimed the arrival for months. **Sophia Jane Liebermann** of Mud Creek Road was born on May 29th, the day before **Grace Marie Gleason** of Berry Cove Road. June 26th is the birthday for **Evan Rile McAndrew** of Buttermilk Road. **Madison Rene Rome** of Shore Road arrived on August 20th.

Our final arrival happened September 25th and has deep roots in Lamoine. **Alida Eleanor Hodgkins** lives in the old Hodgkins House at the Needles Eye/Route 204 intersection. Her ancestors were some of the original Lamoine residents.

### *Marriages*

The summer was a busy one for marriage licenses. Two of the brides now have last names that rhyme with their first names! The following were recorded in Lamoine:  
**Michael Becker & Mandy Latchaw** May 8.

and the award was quite the surprise.

Stu also announced to the Selectmen this summer that he will return to work part-time for radio station WNSX (97.7 FM) in Ellsworth, anchoring the morning newscasts before coming to work at the town hall. He was employed as a radio and television news director prior to his hiring in Lamoine in 1993.

## Lamoine School Hires Special Ed Teacher

(Lamoine) — The new director of the resource room at the Lamoine Consolidated school is a familiar face at the school. Tracy Willis was hired during the summer to replace Jean Harris who retired at the end of the last school year.

Until her hiring, Tracy's title at school had been "mom". Her daughter Sara is a student at Lamoine, and the Willis family calls Mill Road their home. Her husband Jim is the police chief in Mt. Desert. Tracy is an experienced special educator, and principal Val Perkins says he's tickled to have her on board. Tracy is also the cross-country coach.

Principal Perkins reports that opening day brought 137 students to the Lamoine School, including 18-new students. That's 6-students fewer than opening day in 2004. There were 9-new kindergarten students, while an 8th grade class of 17 graduated last year, accounting for nearly all the difference.

One change this year is that breakfast is no longer sold before school opens. Federal Rules prohibit sales of food unless it's part of the National School Lunch food service program meeting nutritional guidelines.

## Church Steeple Replaced

(Lamoine) — To look at the Lamoine Baptist Church steeple today, you wouldn't notice much difference from a year ago. The new steeple, though, is very different. For one, it's made of fiberglass, and it's in very good condition.

Pastor Dr. David Henry said the old steeple was installed in 1962 with a weather vane on top. Apparently the vane was not secured properly and water seeped inside during windstorms, causing the wooden structure to start to rot.

The steeple replacement is part of a big building renovation project that included painting the front of the church this summer, and roof replacement this fall. The church is raising funds for the work, with the \$44,000 goal partially met already.

## School Board Member Named

(Lamoine) — School Committee members have appointed Julie Tilden to fill a seat left vacant with the resignation of Linda Haft. Tilden will serve until Town Meeting in 2006 as allowed by state law.

Julie lives on Shore Road with her husband Duane Crawford and their sons Tyler and Jordan. Tyler graduated from 8th grade last June. It's expected Julie will run again in March for the seat she now occupies. Mrs. Haft resigned to take a new job in Kentucky.

**Stewart Workman & Alice Endre** June 11th  
**Shawn King & Spring Leslie** June 17th  
**Tony Daggett & Lori Cox** June 25th  
**William Waugh & Jane Briggs** July 7th  
**Lucas Leathers & Heather Clark** July 17th  
**Phillip Dvorak & Lee Cline** July 30th  
**Gary McFarland & Deborah Verrill** August 6  
**Todd Michaelis & Helen "Nell" Donaldson** August 27th  
**Steven Robbins & Juanita Mullins** August 27  
**Karl Liebermann & Jennifer Varney** September 17th  
**Michael Hellstrom & Andrea Miller** September 24th (at the Town Hall)  
**Raymond Lefebvre & Erin Smoker** September 24th  
**Robert Garland & Jessica Mackey** September 24th.

### *Deaths*

Several Lamoine residents passed away in the past six months. **John "Jack" Maguire** of Douglas Highway died April 7th, leaving behind several children and grandchildren. Jack was a former banker and spent his later years as a real estate agent and was a frequent visitor in the Town Hall doing property research. **Erastus Walker** of Sugarbush Drive died on May 13th. **Janina "Jina" Haslam** of Linden Lane died June 20th (see July Quarterly) after she was struck by a car. **William "Bill" Pinkham** of Buttermilk Road died on the 4th of July after running a road race (see July Quarterly). **Gail Marie Fowler** of Douglas Highway died on July 20th, leaving behind a large family. On August 3rd **Brenda Norwood** of Buttermilk Road lost her battle with cancer. Brenda was a delightful and frequent visitor to the Town Office. Her parents remain at their Buttermilk Road home.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4-6:30 Planning Board Public Hearing 7PM	5-7PM Board of Assessors	6-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	7	8
9	10	11	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn.	13-11:30 AM <b>Congressman Michaud's</b> Office 7PM Parks, FD	14	15- <b>Jina's Gym Golf</b> Tourney
16	17-7PM Board of Appeals	18-7PM Long Range Planning Committee	19-7PM Cable TV Committee 6:30 PM School Bldg Cmte	20-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	21	22- <b>5PM Jina's Gym</b> Supper
23	24-7PM Budget Committee	25-7PM Planning Board Workshop	26	27-7PM Fire Dept	28	29-5PM Fire Dept Supper
30	31-Property Taxes					

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		1	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	4	5
6	7-School Cmte 4:30 PM Planning Board 6:30 PM	8-Election Day 10am-8pm	9-Flu Shots 3-5 7PM Conservation Cmsn	10-7PM Fire Dept.	11	12
13	14-Budget Committee 7PM	15	16	17-7PM Selectmen	18	19
20	21	22-7PM Long Range Planning	23-7PM Fire Dept.	24-Closed- Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28-Budget Committee 7PM	29	30			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	2	3
4	5	6-7PM Planning Board	7-7PM Assessors	8-7PM Fire Dept	9	10
11	12-Budget Committee 7PM	13	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn	15-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	16	17
18	19-7PM Budget Cmte if needed	20-7PM Long Range Planning	21	22-7PM Fire Dept	23	24
25	26-Office Closed (Holiday)	27	28	29-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	30	31